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(PLEASE COPY IMMEDIATELY AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TO
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REFERENCE: ROLLING STONE 4/24/75-"GERALD FORD'S LITTLE WHITE LIE".

FORD USED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN HIS BOOK "PORTRAIT OF THE ASSASSIN"
IN 1965 AND LIED WHEN QUESTIONED BY SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AT
CONFIRMATION HEARINGS.

NEVERTHELESS-THE SENATE OVERWHELMINGLY CONFIRMED GERALD FORD TO BE OUR
VICE/PRESIDENT.

THE TOP-SECRET CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FORD USED IN HIS BOOK WERE NOT
DECLASSIFIED UNTIL 6/12/74, 7 MONTHS AFTER FORD'S SENATE
CONFIRMATION--AND EIGHT YEARS AFTER FORD USED THE TOP-SECRET CLASSIFIED
DOCUMENTS IN HIS OWN BOOK "PORTRAIT OF THE ASSASSIN".

IS THERE A DOUBLE SENATE CONFIRMATION STANDARD? IS THE SAME ACT OKAY
FOR FORD AND REPREHENSIBLE FOR SORENSEN?

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT SORENSEN DID NOT LIE.

SINCERELY,

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Gerald Ford's Little White Lie

Classifying executive sessions of the Warren Commission meant little to one of the commission members, Representative Gerald Ford, who took the transcript of the January 27th meeting, blue-penciled all the parts of it that could have embarrassed anyone and used it as a basis for the first chapter of his book about Oswald, *Portrait of the Assassin*. Then he lied about it in his confirmation hearings for vice-president before the Senate Judiciary Committee on November 5th, 1973:

The chairman: Now, Mr. Ford, it has been stated that as a member of the

Warren Commission, you voluntarily accepted the constraints which all the members of the commission accepted, providing that you would not publish or release any proceedings of the commission.

You did, however, in association with another, publish a book and provide material for a 'Life' magazine article on the proceedings of the commission. Do you feel this was a violation of your agreement?

Mr. Ford: To my best recollection, Mr. Chairman, there was no such agreement, but even if there was, the

book that I published in conjunction with a member of my staff... we wrote the book, but we did not use in that book any material other than the material that was in the 26 volumes of testimony and exhibits that were subsequently made public and sold to the public generally.

The National Archives declassified the top-secret January 27th meeting seven months later, on June 12th, 1974, —eight years after Ford used the transcript in his own book.

—R.B.K

ROLLING STONE, APRIL 24, 1975

(TIME 1/10/77) "... last month a Gallup poll showed that 80% of the American people believe that both assassinations were conspiracies ... "

Since 80% of the whole American people do not believe the stories we have been told about the assassinations -- then 80% of your voting constituents want the unlimited investigation of the assassinations to continue. We, of that 80% voting majority, are beginning to look askance at our elected Congressional representatives who oppose the unlimited continuation of that investigation. We American taxpayers don't care how many millions it costs -- that's something we want! We, your voting constituents, 80%, are watching your vote!

Lillian Castellano